GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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REGULATORY AUTHORITY FOR DRUG INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Government propose to create Regulatory Authority for drug industry;

(b): if so, the details thereof;

(c): whether the Government propose to include certain drugs in the public distribution system through `Sarvapriya` scheme; and

(d): if so, the details thereof, alongwith name of drugs to be thus distributed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a) and (b): The Central Drug Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) in the Ministry of Health and FamilyWelfare and the Drug Control Organization (DCO) of the States are currently responsible for regulatingthe Drug Industry under the provisions of the Drugs &Cosmetics Act, 1940 and rules thereof. The diseases that primarily afflict poor are mostly covered under the National Programmes of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare where essential drugs are supplied free, by the Government through State Governments.
(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.